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Surveying of extremely shallow waters with optimized multibeam echosounders and surveying vessels

-Development of a combined MBES-

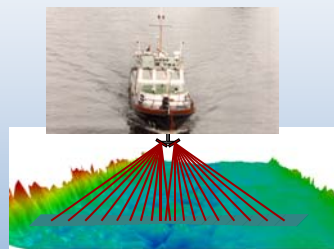
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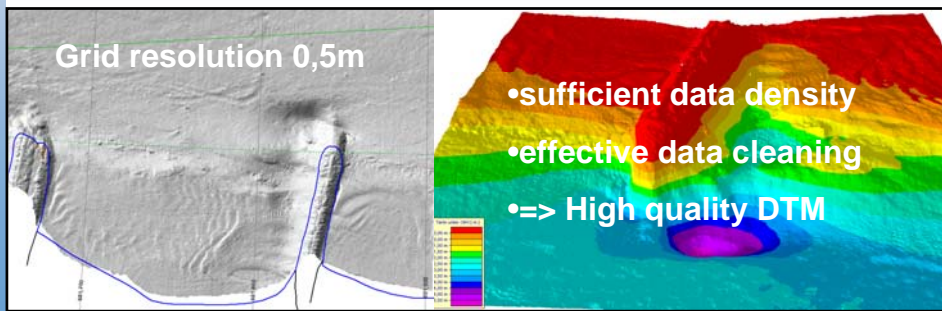
3. Summary



Requirements

Basis requirements

- draught less than 1.2m,
- suitable in waters deeper than 2.0m,
- number of outliers within acceptable scale,
- 5-10 measurements/m² (for 1m spaced grids)



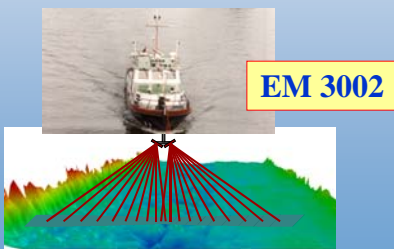
Development of a combined MBES

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Implementation Concept

Increase of efficiency by

- crit^{erion} 1: maximizing the area covered by one sounding,
- crit^{erion} 2: maximizing speed over ground during data acquisition,
- crit^{erion} 3: minimizing overlap of swathes.



Requirement:

MBES with equal-distance beamforming, => homogenous distributed measurements in each ping

Development of a combined MBES

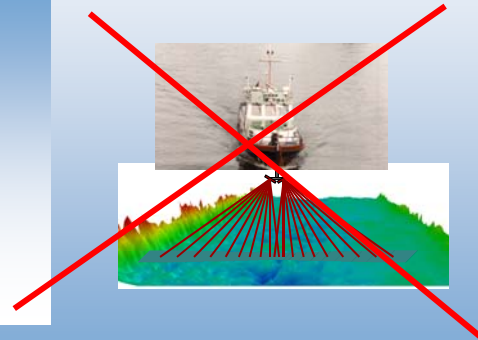
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Implementation Concept

Criterion 1: maximizing the area covered by one sounding

Results of former tests (2007) with EM 3002:

- excessive number of outliers,
- no use of measurements with grazing beam angles $> 70^\circ$
- Explanation of cause by Kongsberg: reflexions at water surface, reduce mounting angle



Optimization of MBES respectively transducer alignment is absolutely necessary

Implementation Concept

Criterion 1: maximizing the area covered by one sounding



equal angle system
(e.g. EM 3000)

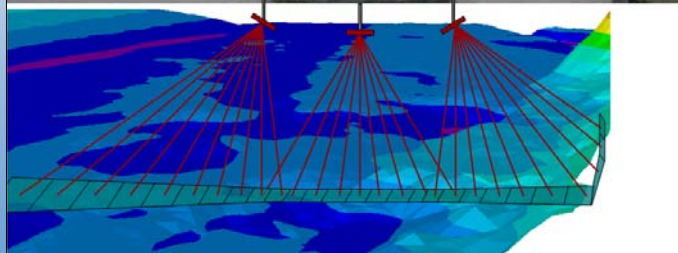


combined system
(e.g. EM 3002)

Optimization of transducer alignment

by :

- combining two MBES
- varying outer transducer mounting angle between 25° and 40°



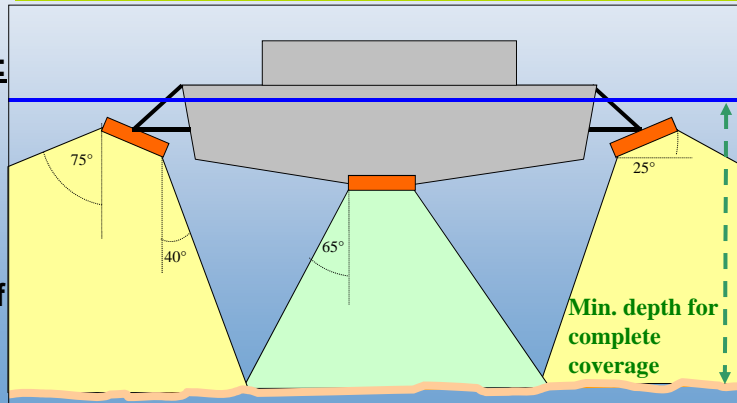
Implementation Concept

Criterion 1: maximizing the area covered by one sounding

maximizing the swath width by combining 2 MBES

Complete coverage if:

- distance between outer transducers > 8m and depth > 1.8m
- transducers are mounted at a depth of 0,5m



Implementation Concept

Criterion 2: maximizing speed over ground during surveying

Standard surveying boat speed limit against current = 8Km/h

What should be the maximum speed of the optimised system?

Limits by vessel:

- the legally allowed speed in canals is usually 12 km/h
- the future surveying vessel should be capable to hold a speed of 12 Km/h against the current.

Limits by MBES:

- Data density perpendicular to the sailing direction ~at least one point every 20cm

⇒ a ping rate of 8Hz must be guaranteed at any circumstance

Survey vessel type

Criterion 3: minimizing overlap of swathes

Overlap of swathes is essential because gaps must be avoided.

5m overlap: roll angles should be $< 3^\circ$, navigation precision of 2-3m



Surveying vessel suitability test:

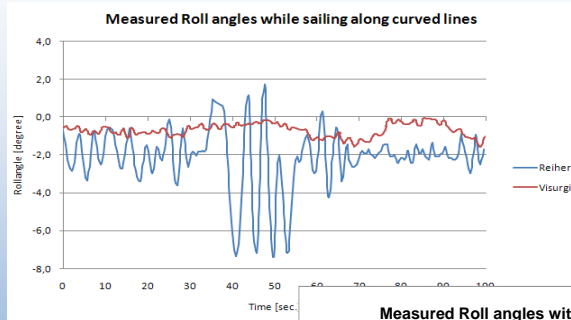
16m monohull standard surveying boat versus 25m catamaran



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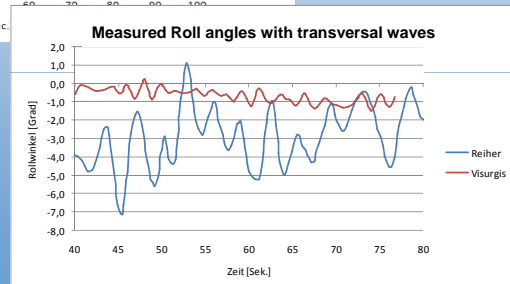
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catamaran
versus
monohull
surveying boat



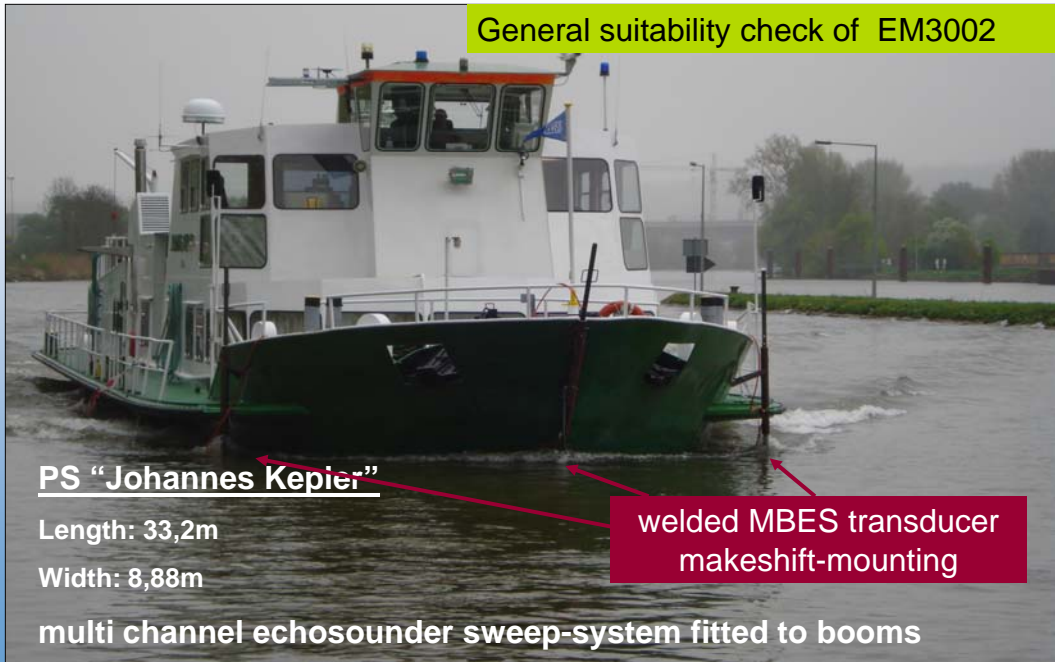
Investigation of the dynamic behaviour pattern of the vessels

- The monohull boat rolls up to 8°
- The catamaran meets the requirements:
 - roll angles $\ll 3^\circ$,
 - Easy and precise navigation along survey routes.



MBES investigation and development

General suitability check of EM3002



PS "Johannes Kepler"

Length: 33,2m

Width: 8,88m

multi channel echosounder sweep-system fitted to booms

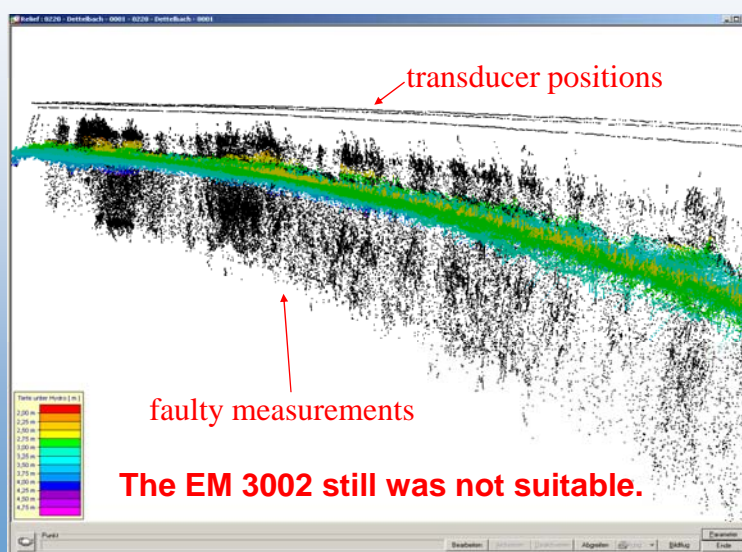
welded MBES transducer makeshift-mounting

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General suitability check of EM3002

Results:

- still excessive number of outliers,
- no correlation between the errors and the mounting angle,
- errors occurred even with only one MBES.

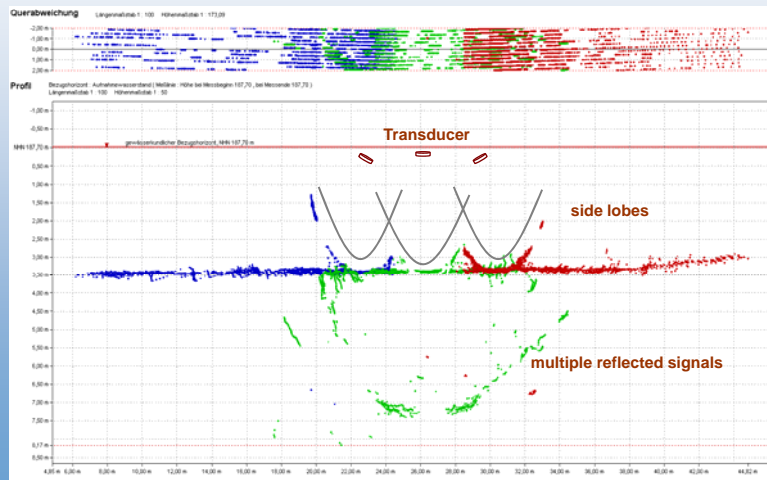


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- filtering causes insufficient data density



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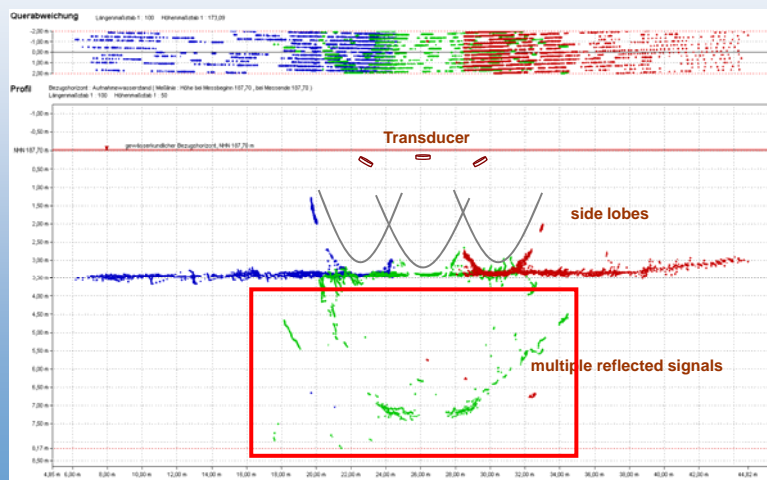
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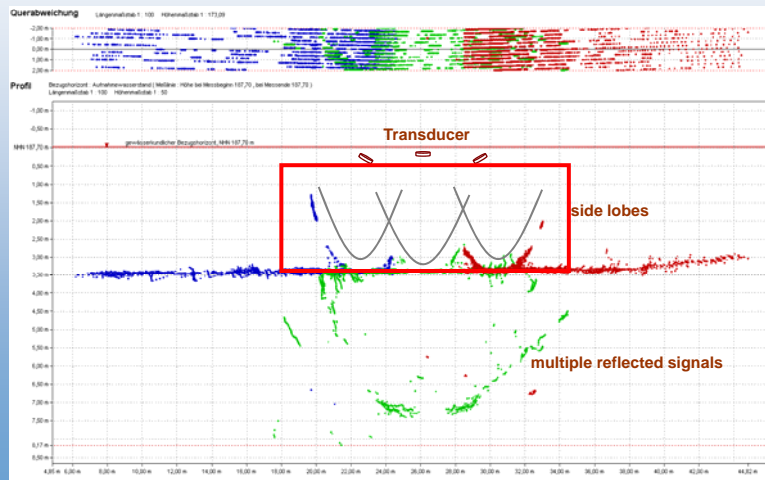
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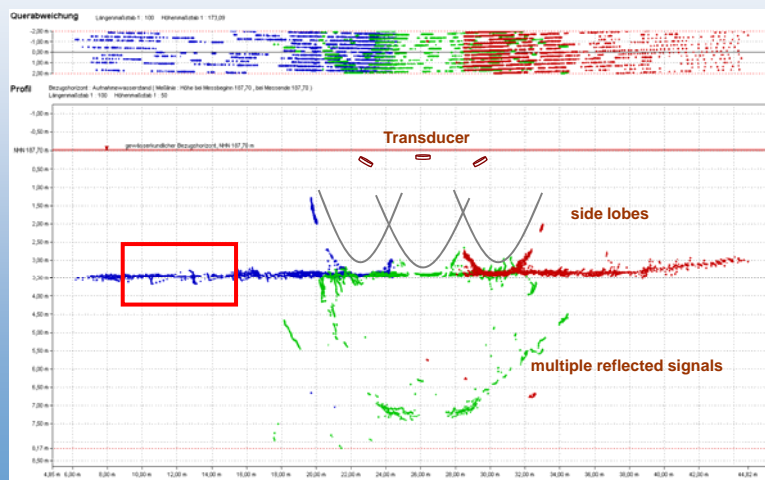
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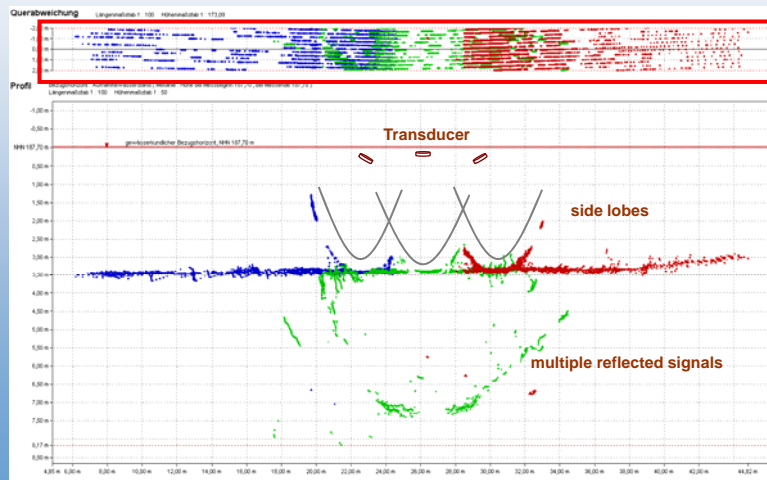


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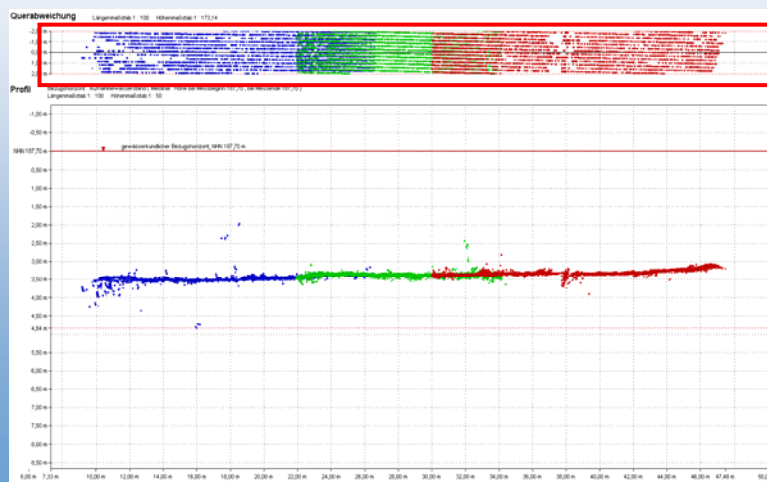


MBES investigation and development

General suitability check of EM3002

Results after improvement of bottom detector by Kongsberg:

- satisfactory reliability and accuracy,
- sufficient data density.

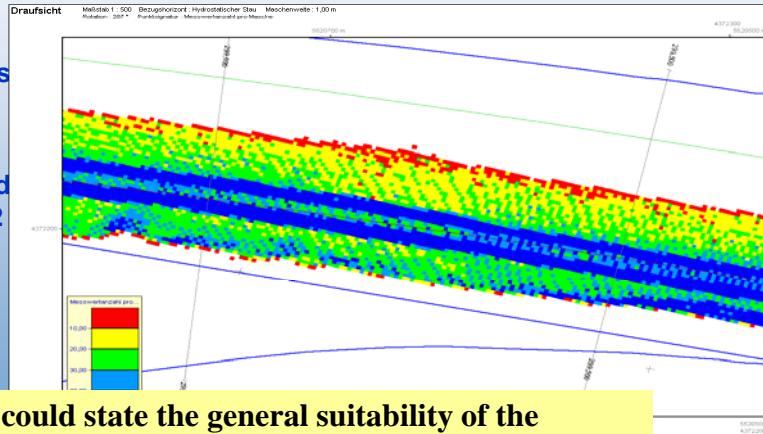


Combined System Efficiency

data density and SOG

Will the required data density be accomplished?

- triggering reduces frequency of soundings to **9 Hz** (depth < 4,5m),
- data density is sufficient, even if speed over ground rises to **12 km/h**,

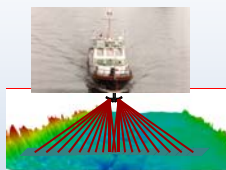


Finally we could state the general suitability of the combined system based on the EM 3002 by Kongsberg.

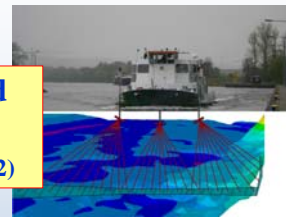
Combined System Efficiency

systems comparison

equal angle system
(e.g. EM 3000)



combined system
(e.g. EM 3002)



distance between outer transducers ca. 8m, mounting at 0,5m depth

Disadvantages:

- Time and effort for calibration **+ 30%**
- surveying system is **+ 35%** more expensive
- high procurement costs for the vessel **+ 150%**

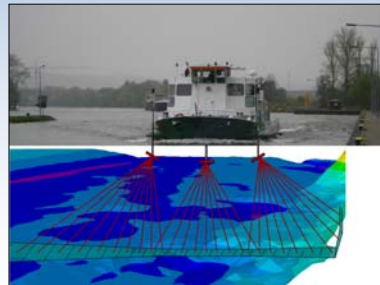
River, average fairway-width of 150 m			
Depth [m]	No. of lines equal angle system, 50% overlap	No. of lines combined system, 5m overlap	Increase of efficiency (including 33% higher SOG)
2,0	23	11	142%
3,0	14	7	133%
4,0	10	5	133%

Summary

- The Kongsberg MBES EM 3002 was enhanced for applications on inland waterways.
- The suggested transducer alignment is practicable.
- The tests showed the general applicability of a combined MBES on inland waterways

A combined MBES:

- increases efficiency over 130%
- is a must in extremely shallow waters (depth > 2m)



Thank you for your attention

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